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MR. SPEAKER:

I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 371 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 32, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 42. IC 20-6.1-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 3 CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:
- 5 **Chapter 7.5. National Board Certification Incentives**
- 6 **Sec. 1. The general assembly establishes a goal that by 2020**
- 7 **there will be at least one (1) national board certified teacher in**
- 8 **every public school.**
- 9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the teachers'**
- 10 **national board certification incentive fund established by section 6**
- 11 **of this chapter.**
- 12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "mentor" means a highly skilled,**
- 13 **experienced teacher who provides systematic and ongoing support**
- 14 **and assistance to other teachers in a school or school corporation**
- 15 **to help them improve teaching skills and practices.**
- 16 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "national board" refers to the**
- 17 **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a**
- 18 **nonpartisan, independent, and nonprofit board composed of**
- 19 **teachers and others that:**
- 20 **(1) has developed a set of high and rigorous standards for**
- 21 **accomplished teachers; and**
- 22 **(2) operates a national voluntary system to assess and certify**
- 23 **teachers who meet the board's standards.**
- 24 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "national board certification"**
- 25 **means a demonstration by an experienced teacher of the teacher's**

1 teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards
 2 through a comprehensive assessment process administered by the
 3 national board.

4 **Sec. 6. (a) The teachers' national board certification incentive**
 5 **fund is established for the following purposes:**

6 (1) Funding stipends under section 7 of this chapter for
 7 teachers to prepare for certification by the national board.

8 (2) Reimbursing part of the certification fee under section 11
 9 of this chapter to each teacher who is awarded national board
 10 certification.

11 (3) Funding stipends under section 12 of this chapter for
 12 national board certified teachers who serve as mentors to
 13 other teachers within the school corporation.

14 (4) Reimbursing school corporations under section 13 of this
 15 chapter for salary supplements paid to national board
 16 certified teachers.

17 (5) Reimbursing school corporations under section 14 of this
 18 chapter for persons who serve as substitute teachers for
 19 national board certification candidates.

20 (b) The department shall administer the fund.

21 (c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
 22 money in the fund. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in
 23 the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund
 24 in the same manner as other public money may be invested.
 25 Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in
 26 the fund.

27 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not
 28 revert to the state general fund.

29 **Sec. 7. A teacher who is:**

30 (1) employed by a school corporation; and

31 (2) pursuing national board certification;

32 is entitled to receive from the fund a stipend of two hundred dollars
 33 (\$200) per day for two (2) days beyond the school contract year to
 34 prepare for the certification assessments.

35 **Sec. 8. A school corporation shall allow at least five (5) days of**
 36 **released time during the school year for a teacher pursuing**
 37 **national board certification.**

38 **Sec. 9. A school corporation may, at its own expense, provide**
 39 **additional released time for teachers pursuing national board**
 40 **certification.**

41 **Sec. 10. If a teacher does not successfully complete all**
 42 **assessments required for national board certification during a**
 43 **school year, the provisions in this chapter may be applied to a**
 44 **second school year for that teacher.**

45 **Sec. 11. A teacher who attains national board certification after**
 46 **June 30, 2003, shall be reimbursed from the fund for seventy-five**

1 percent (75%) of the certification fee for the initial ten (10) year
2 certificate. Fees for renewal of the national board certificate are at
3 the teacher's expense.

4 Sec. 12. (a) A national board certified teacher is entitled to
5 receive a stipend from the fund in addition to the teacher's annual
6 compensation for serving as a mentor to teachers within the
7 teacher's school or school corporation in a mentoring program
8 approved by the department.

9 (b) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 under
10 which a school corporation may establish a mentoring program
11 involving national board certified teachers. The rules must specify
12 the conditions for the mentoring program as well as the amount of
13 the stipend that will be provided to a teacher serving as a mentor.

14 Sec. 13. (a) After June 30, 2005, a school corporation shall
15 provide a public school teacher who has attained certification from
16 the national board as of July 1, 2005, or thereafter with an annual
17 national board certification salary supplement of two thousand
18 dollars (\$2,000) for the life of the certificate. The salary supplement
19 shall be added to the teacher's base salary and shall be considered
20 in the calculation for contributions to the Indiana state teachers'
21 retirement fund.

22 (b) If a nationally certified teacher is no longer employed as a
23 classroom teacher or a teacher mentor in the field of the teacher's
24 national certification, the salary supplement under this section
25 ends.

26 (c) A school corporation is entitled to reimbursement from the
27 fund for salary supplements paid by the school corporation under
28 this section.

29 Sec. 14. A school corporation is entitled to reimbursement from
30 the fund for substitute teacher pay for persons who serve as
31 substitute teachers for national board certification candidates. The
32 reimbursement shall be based on the school corporation's salary
33 schedule for substitute teachers.

34 Sec. 15. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
35 carry out this chapter."

(Reference is to ESB 371 as printed March 30, 2005.)

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